

# Daniel Ellsberg at FFF Conference, Part 3 of 8

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Daniel Ellsberg on "Iran and Iraq: The Need for Pentagon Papers" at the Future of Freedom Foundation's <http://fff.org> Restoring the Republic, 2007.

Daniel Ellsberg was born in Detroit in 1931. After graduating from Harvard in 1952 with a B. A. summa cum laude in Economics, he studied for a year at King's College, Cambridge University, on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship.

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his his successor is acting so when they asked me after the my trial is dismissed from for a governmental misconduct that offends the sense of justice the reporters said well what do you clowns do now and I said well I've been in court for four and a half months and I don't think I'm ready to go cold turkey so maybe I'll attend other people's trials for a while but that was a joke my wife wouldn't have let me go oh dear a quarter with that point so now interestingly of course on the one hand the warrantless wiretap has become clearly illegal under the other adviser but it's happening and the president is admitting that it's happening and isn't doing anything about it and just as they couldn't find the records in the FBI file so they were in oil of my wire tab Arlen Specter the minority who was formerly when this was discovered the majority leader the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee complained that he was not able to get any records as to what the programs were who was wired tapped what was being done under what certain either he northern now majority leader the new one the Democrat has been able to get those records so they have asked for them and as I say they've had no hearings which is very like complicity in a straight overthrow of the Fourth Amendment well as they say I learned you learn about it when you've lost it more or less Fifth Amendment my understanding is a major purpose of that which the lame include me earlier was not too clear on why are you one why you allowed

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clear on why are you one why you allowed to remain silent remember came to my mind just a few months ago when I was being arrested in Crawford for the second time with Cindy Sheehan and the we had been demonstrating where the president had to pass in the same ditch that Cindy Sheehan had occupied year earlier and at that time it wasn't illegal but this district in Texas had now passed the new law exclusive to this particular district or the president's ranch happened to be that the right of that the roadway extended into the ditch and beyond where we were sitting we were on the road after all although I've obstructed a lot of roads but I didn't think I was obstructing that road and the judge the magistrate there said you have a right and we'd been saying you know stop the war stop so get out with signs that he couldn't miss in his bubble his usual bubble because he had to drive by that thing going where one would could say that was a right of petition and get in the First Amendment but the judge says you have a right to remain silent it made me think gee we weren't fighting for that right we've said we were fighting for the right not to remain silent actually but my understanding now of the major in business of why do you allow people to remain silent so they don't have to testify against themselves is to discourage the use of compelled confessions compelling someone to

testify against themselves by torture and give up that and the the instinct of any people have you in custody police Special Forces CIA whoever but please not talk about domestic if you give that up the incentive to do as is done in

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up the incentive to do as is done in other countries to which we render people is to cut through all this gathering of evidence and using checking for fingerprints and looking for witnesses to testify and stuff like that lineups interview it's just get the suspect to testify to tell why whatever it takes whatever it does as president calls it what is it enhanced interrogation or alternative measures of interrogation and so forth doing and it's an encouragement to do that who are these suspects go back to the NSA thing it turns out from the front line I'm referring to a TV series or frontline you can look them up on the web the program is still there the point of the NSA thing according to some of the people who are willing to talk a little about it officials is to gather enormous amounts of data and analyze it so is to decide who to suspect well that seems understandable that's possible you gather I'll see what their patterns of who they talk to where they go all this stuff and decide whether it's suspicious but you do that by surveillance by listening to the conversations of everybody so the surveillance comes first the suspicion comes next and when you have the suspicion which is very far from proof it's far from reasonable cause by the way that's where the officials in a session oh it's not really reasonable cause any more probable cause it's just reason though what the Constitution says is probable cause and so with that you discover who to suspect then you can lay on full-scale surveillance of them you could get a warrant at that point except

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could get a warrant at that point except you'd have to admit that the evidence for the suspicion was unconstitutional so you don't go to the FISA Court and get a warrant because that would be embarrassing I am describing in other words a considerable change in the way our rights are conceived and protected by our government by the federal by the executive branch now a number of things that were done against me during my trial by a group called the White House plumbers so called because they were supposed to stop leagues call themselves upon working for the White House and ex FBI and CIA guy and officials above them included as you heard in the introduction a warrantless needless to say burglary search an entry Fourth Amendment area of my former psychoanalyst office looking for files and invasion of my civil rights property and of course the psychoanalyst also people who are the CIA which was supposed to be limited in those days strictly to foreign intelligence operations and covert operations not to domestic activity had done psychological profiles on me the first thing they'd done on an American citizen done profiles on castro and Sadat very no Nasser Nasser various other Buell various Soviet leaders so did that on me knowing by the way that they were they were breaking their charter so that was they were told had to be super super secret they did it but had to be assured by the White House that would remain secret which in the end it didn't the CIA had provided as disguises and other equipment for the break into my psychiatrists office or was as domestic use as I say I was overheard also a dozen former or current CIA assets quote

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dozen former or current CIA assets quote Cuban Americans were brought up from Miami on mather 1972 with orders to quote incapacitate Daniel Ellsberg totally and I remember when the prosody our prosecutor told me after my trial during Watergate that line and I said well what does that mean Kelvin and he said the orders were to incapacitate you totally said but you have to understand these guys never use the word kill doped relies with extreme prejudice terminate with extreme prejudice remember that the Special Forces murder case and other other words looks-wise well he thought that they did mean to kill me for other reasons we may not have time to go into I don't think they didn't mean to kill me but to indeed to put me out of action to silence me till after the mining of Haiphong which I was predicting and which they thought I might have documents showing I did to some extent have documents showing that they had planned this from the very beginning of the Nixon administration the mining of Haiphong it wasn't just an ad hoc response to an

offensive so they were worried about what I might turn up with actually a number of people here have asked me what were the plumber's about you know why did they do all this stuff and really very few people have hell understood that at the time you couldn't now you can for one thing I become friends of Eagle crowed who's a very good guy who was who was rehabilitated by prison actually but actually who saw the light before he went to prison just before after he'd been indicted and pled guilty for very good reasons that he realized that recognized that he had been violating civil liberties of other citizens that he had been violating the

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citizens that he had been violating the Constitution

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